

July 20, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
Chairman Julius Genachowski  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a former County Commissioner for Mason County I am writing to you today because I strongly believe the proposed T-Mobile/AT&T merger could be tremendously helpful for economic development and business success, particularly in rural communities like ours. The outcome of the merger is expected to bring high-speed broadband to nearly every corner of the country, including most rural areas, and it is expected to occur much faster would be possible without the merger. High-speed Internet access would bring with it many opportunities for professional advancement, business development, and educational achievement. This technology would improve the quality of life for our community, our small businesses, our families, and our children.

Enhanced broadband technology presents many opportunities for our citizens, our schools and the business community as well. Broadband will provide a new tool we can use to develop and serve our community.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on this proposed merger, and I hope you will carefully consider my views. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Ross Gallagher  
Former Member of the Mason County Commission

CC:

Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell